

Sat Jan 10

Dear Mom & Dad,

It took us a few days to get back on schedule, but everything seems back to normal now. We are busy looking for and buying items we "need" in the apartment. We bought a butcher block type table for the kitchen and some new ~~tableware~~ cookware. We need a chandelier for the dining area and ~~have~~ have been looking at blinds for the bedroom and den windows.

The weather is cold and there is ice floating down the Potomac. No snow as yet, however. It is fun just spending some time at home after the "vacation". We covered a lot of ground and had a great time but I couldn't have gone on much longer. The next vacation will be a relaxing drive when you visit us this summer!

The picture of Diane with Santa is pretty sad, but I'm sure she had a merry Christmas. I've enclosed the card for you to keep. I didn't copy the certificate for Samuel Lockwood Close yet but it is for his death in Grants Pass, Oregon on Nov 29, 1914. He ~~is~~ was my great-great-grandfather and was born Sept 21, 1827 in Sullivan, Ohio. I hope to get back to work on the genealogy soon but we have a lot to do in the apartment. Also I <sup>have</sup> several trips to make on business.

We're having a bridge party in two weeks. You met Gary & Connie Gittner when you were here. Norm and Hazel Jackson are coming too. I hope I can stop up to see you this spring —

Jim & Vickie